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HOUSE RESOLUTION 137
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A RESOLUTION to honor Ms. Charlotte Ruppelt for her meritorious service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those sterling individuals who, through their hard work, expertise, and dedication, are credits to their professions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Charlotte Ruppelt is most assuredly one such remarkable person deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Memphis, Ms. Ruppelt graduated from South Side High School before earning her degree in Industrial Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Ruppelt retired from Dover Elevator Systems, Inc. after 47 years of exemplary service, in which she earned the respect and admiration of her peers and supervisors alike for her superior work; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious tenure at Dover, Ms. Ruppelt admirably served on special projects, including the building and moving of three Dover manufacturing plants; she

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was also a production supervisor consultant in Total Quality Management and employee involvement problem-solving skills; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Ruppelt retired from Dover as a quality assurance analyst and industrial engineer, in addition to rendering exceptional service as a former quality circle facilitator, an instructor in quality control and facilitator training seminars and serving as a projects manager and manufacturing field failure coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Ruppelt is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish her and is tremendously admired by friends and associates; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ruppelt has demonstrated tremendous leadership abilities on a number of civic and professional organizations; she has rendered astute service as the chair of the 1983 AQP Conference in Memphis, was appointed to the Industrial Engineering Advisory Committee of the State Technical Institute from 1974-1987, and was the leader of the first Quality Circle to make management presentation at the AQP Conference in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Ruppelt has demonstrated her initiative as a charter member of the Greater Memphis Chapter AQP, of which she served as Program Director, Vice-President, President, and Advisor. She is also a charter member of the Memphis chapter of the Institute of Industrial Engineering (I.I.E.), where she had the distinction of filling the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, and Membership Chairman, in addition to serving on the board of directors. She was also awarded a lifetime membership in 1988 for her honorable service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ruppelt currently serves with acumen as chairperson of the Coro Lake Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, throughout her excellent service, Charlotte Ruppelt has adhered to the common sense approach and has displayed the common touch in all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, since 1952, Ms. Ruppelt has been actively involved in the development of the Republican Party in Shelby County and the Southern Conference, serving as President and Chair of the National Republican Workshop Convention, Chairman of the Shelby County

Precinct Organization and Shelby County GOP, in addition to representing Tennessee as a delegate to the National Republican Convention; and

WHEREAS, her wisdom was sought as a distinguished member of the campaign staff and advisory committee to Senators Howard Baker and Bill Brock, Governors Winfield Dunn, Lamar Alexander, and Don Sundquist, and the Committee for Development of the Memphis City Charter; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Charlotte Ruppelt is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her husband of more than 50 years, their son, Boyd (Scooter), and his wife, the former Paula Provow; she is the proud grandparent of two grandsons, Boyd Jr. and Chris; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ruppelt personifies the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and friend, Charlotte Ruppelt is the perfect example of a person totally committed to the highest ideals of service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and recognize Ms. Charlotte Ruppelt for her meritorious service to her profession, her community, and the State of Tennessee while extending our best wishes for success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.